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SUBJECT: PL-480 BARLEY

PASS: USDA/OGSM AND AID

SUMMARY: KOREAN MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE INDICATES 1977 BARLEY CROPS MAY BE REDUCED BY HALF FROM 1976 LEVEL AND STRESSES NEED FOR TIMELY ARRIVAL BARLEY UNDER TITLE I PL-480.
END SUMMARY

1. IN JUNE 1 DISCUSSIONS WITH MAF ASSISTANT VICE-MINISTER FOR FOOD ADMINISTRATION, EMBASSY OFFICERS WERE ADVISED ROK 1977 BARLEY CROP MIGHT BE REDUCED BY HALF FROM LAST YEAR'S LEVEL. MAF OFFICIAL CONFIRMED ROKG BARLEY HOLDINGS ON JUNE 1 WERE 166,000 METRIC TONS POLISHED BASIS AND INDICATED HIS MINISTRY WAS RELEASING 50,000 TO 60,000 TONS OF GOVERNMENT OWNED BARLEY PER MONTH TO CONTROL PRICES OR TO SUSTAIN SUPPLIES OF BARLEY FOR LOW INCOME SECTOR. AT THIS RATE, ROKG BARLEYSTOCKS WILL HAVE BEEN EXHAUSTED BY END OCTOBER (ASSUMES INCLUSION 195,000 TONS PURCHASED MAY 27). MAF OFFICIAL INDICATED ROKG POLICY WILL BE TO MAINTAIN CONSUMPTION RATIOS OF THE THREE BASIC CEREAL GRAINS --
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RICE, BARLEY AND WHEAT. THE OFFICIAL STRESSED DESIRE HIS MINISTRY TO REACH EARLY UNDERSTANDING WITH U.S. GOVERNMENT ON FY 78 PL-480 AND STRESSED NEED FOR MINIMUM OF 200,000 TONS (ROUGH BASIS) OF PL-480 TITLE I BARLEY TO ARRIVE AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE IN U.S. FY 78. EPB IS CURRENTLY PREPARING A FORMAL REQUEST COMPLETE WITH REVISED SUPPLY-DEMAND ESTIMATES.

2. OSROK HAS CONFIRMED CONTRACTS FOR 195,000 TONS OF BARLEY REFERRED TO IN TOFAS 108 WERE CONCLUDED ON MAY 27. ALL IS U.S. ORIGIN EXCEPT 25,000 TONS WHICH IS OPTIONAL U.S., CANADIAN OR AUSTRALIAN. THE ENTIRE 195,000 TONS CALL FOR SHIPMENT IN EITHER JUNE OR JULY. SNEIDER

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